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1. **Claims 1-9 (Previously Withdrawn)**

10. (Original) An apparatus for attaching to one of opposed side edges of a rectangular game net adapted to be supported in a tensioned condition, thereby forming a rigid side marginal strip of the net, the apparatus comprising:
- an elongate, substantially flat and rigid hollow body including
- open upper and lower ends,
- two spaced-apart major walls extending between the upper and lower ends, and
- thereby defining a closed hollow cross-sectional configuration at an external side thereof for reinforcing the body and an open hollow cross-sectional configuration at an inner side thereof having a side opening extending along the entire length of the body between the upper and lower ends, the open hollow cross-sectional configuration being adapted for receiving an elongate element attached to one side edge of the net in a manner of tensioning the net between upper and lower edges thereof.
11. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein the body is made of extruded aluminum.
12. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein the body is made of molded plastics.

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13. (Original) An apparatus as claimed in claim 10 wherein the open hollow configuration of the body comprises a pair of stop members extending from the respective major walls towards each other in a spaced-apart relationship.
14. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for attaching to one of opposed side ends of a rectangular game net adapted to be supported in a tensioned condition, thereby forming a rigid side marginal strip of the net, the apparatus comprising:
- an elongate, substantially flat and rigid hollow body including open upper and lower ends, and two spaced-apart major walls extending between the upper and lower ends, and thereby defining a closed hollow cross-sectional configuration at an external side thereof for reinforcing the body and an open hollow cross-sectional configuration at an inner side thereof for receiving one side end of the net;
- securing means for securing the side end of the net within the open hollow cross-sectional configuration in a manner such that the net can be substantially evenly tensioned when being supported in a tensioned condition.
15. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14 wherein the body is made of extruded aluminum.
16. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14 wherein the body is made of molded plastics.

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17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14 wherein the securing means comprise a plurality of pins adapted to extend across the open hollow cross-sectional configuration of the body and be secured to the respective major walls.
18. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 17 wherein the pins are adapted to extend through the respective major walls and be secured at ends thereof to the respective major walls, by a pair of elongate plates abutting the respective major walls.
19. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 18 wherein the open hollow configuration of the body comprises a plurality of spaced openings in one of the major walls and an elongate opening in the other of the major walls extending along the entire length of the body from the open upper end to the open lower end thereof in order to permit the pins to extend through the major walls, and a plurality of slots extending substantially horizontally from the elongate opening towards the inner side of the body for receiving individual horizontal strands of the net when the side end of the net is secured within the open hollow cross-sectional configuration of the body.
20. (Previously Presented) An apparatus as claimed in claim 14 wherein the body comprises an elongate opening disposed at the inner side of the body between the two major walls and extending along the entire length of the body from the open upper end to the open lower end thereof in order to permit the end side of

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the net to be received and secured within the open hollow cross-sectional configuration of the body.

21. (Withdrawn) An apparatus as claimed in claim 20 wherein the open hollow configuration of the body comprises a pair of stop members extending from the respective major walls towards each other in a spaced-apart relationship; and wherein the securing means comprise an elongate lock member having a plurality of spaced slots extending inwardly from one side thereof in order to permit individual horizontal strands of the net to extend therethrough when the elongate member holds an outer-most vertical strand of the net and is disposed snugly between the two major walls and abuts the stop members.

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